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## 40th Anniversary Libertarian National Convention

*A Homecoming for Libertarians: May 2 - 6 at the Red Rock Resort in Las Vegas*

by Carla Howell

Libertarian delegates, party members and friends are cordially invited to attend the 2012 Libertarian Presidential Nominating Convention, a celebration of our 40-year history – and a bridge to our Libertarian destiny.

The convention will be held at the Red Rock Resort in Las Vegas, Nevada from Wednesday, May 2nd at 6:00 PM through Sunday, May 6th at 2:00 PM.

Libertarians will come to this gala event from all 50 states to meet with the movers and shakers who created, shaped and developed the Libertarian Party during our first 40 years.

A lineup of fascinating Libertarian speakers, panelists, and presenters are confirmed.

The Libertarian Presidential Debate



A scene from the 2008 Libertarian Party National Convention. (Photo Credit: Andrew Davis)

will be held Friday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Delegates will get to meet and talk with the candidates and will vote for the 2012 Presidential and Vice Presidential Libertarian nominees on Saturday, May

5th.

They'll also get to meet and talk with Libertarian Party leaders of the last 40 Years – and help choose our new leaders.

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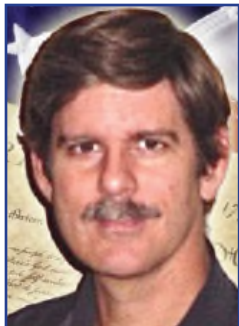
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## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

### Ballot Access Success

by Mark Hinkle



This is a presidential election year. The LNC and the LP HQ staff is working very hard to achieve 50 state plus DC ballot status for our presidential ticket. They will be chosen at the national convention in Las Vegas from May 3-6. Please see [www.libertywillwin.com](http://www.libertywillwin.com) for all the details about the convention.

Can we achieve ballot status in all 50 states, plus DC? The LNC just authorized spending \$104,000: (\$60,000 for Illinois, \$14,000 for Kentucky, \$10,000 for Oklahoma & \$20,000 for West Virginia) on ballot status as part of our total budgeted allocation of \$245,000 for 2012.

We can accomplish this goal with money, a dedicated and talented DC office team, the LNC, and our road warriors who collect petition signatures in all sorts of hostile weather all across the United States. We do have a very talented and capable LP office staff, a very experienced LNC, and a capable team of road warriors. What we don't have enough of is money. Cold hard cash.

The success of our ballot drives depends on you, our members and donors. You provide the funds that we use to build on our 40 years of achievement for the future.

If you want to see our presidential ticket on every ballot, please visit [www.lp.org/contribute](http://www.lp.org/contribute) and vote with your hard earned cash. Please write "ballot access" in the comments field.

And while we're busy focusing on ballot status, choosing a presidential ticket, running for office, and

fighting bond issues and tax measures across the United States, the freedom movement continues to blossom overseas.

I recently had the opportunity to meet with Javed Hashmi. He is the Chief Organizer of Tehreek-e-Insaf (TI), a new third party in Pakistan. He's the number two leader in TI. Previously, for 20 years he was the senior vice president of the Pakistan Muslim League.

During General Musharraf's martial law rule, when Nawaz Sharif, the Party President and the two-time former Prime Minister of Pakistan was exiled by the military regime, Mr. Hashmi served as the Acting President of the Pakistan Muslim League for eight years. Today, he is one of the most highly respected leaders in Pakistan.

Mr. Hashmi was keenly interested in the Libertarian Party and I gave him some literature about the LP. Further discussion about the LP and the freedom movement are forthcoming. And, perhaps even a visit to address freedom loving Pakistanis in the near future.

Elsewhere, around the world, the Libertarian Party has established links with Libertarians in Australia ([www.ldp.org.au](http://www.ldp.org.au)), New Zealand ([www.libertarianz.org.nz](http://www.libertarianz.org.nz)), Canada ([www.libertarian.ca](http://www.libertarian.ca)), the Netherlands ([www.libertarischepartij.nl](http://www.libertarischepartij.nl)), the United Kingdom ([www.libertarianpartyuk.com](http://www.libertarianpartyuk.com)), and a Italy ([www.interlibertarians.org](http://www.interlibertarians.org)) based group called the "Interlibertarians" that's establishing links to Libertarian movements around the globe.

It's a great time to be a Libertarian.

I hope to see all of you at our Libertarian Party's presidential nominating convention at the Red Rock Casino and Resort.

And lastly, please visit [www.lp.org](http://www.lp.org) for an announcement regarding a special discount for Libertarian Party members who want to attend this year's Freedom-Fest from July 11th to 14th also in Las Vegas. We will, once again, have a booth there and present our case for the Libertarian Party. Please stop by our booth and say hello.

*Mark W.A. Hinkle*

### The following individuals became Lifetime Members of the Libertarian Party between November 21, 2011 and March 15, 2012:

Joseph Balcer (VA)  
Dennis Coelho (TX)  
Warren Coley (HI)  
Scott Guthery (MA)  
Gary Johnson (UT)  
Leonard Karpinski (OR)  
Greg Kerkow (MN)  
Jay Korinek (MI)  
Brian Malby (VA)  
Jaime Marcio (TX)  
Lucky Meisenheimer (FL)  
Elizabeth Nolan (AZ)  
Michael Slicker (OH)  
Douglas Sloan (IN)  
William Sparkman (TX)  
William Strange (TX)  
Kathleen White (CA)  
Elizabeth Wright (VA)

The Libertarian Party grants Lifetime Membership to individuals who contribute at least \$1,000 during any twelve-month period. Call 202-333-0008 to find out how much more you would need to donate to become a Lifetime Member today.

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The Party is organized to implement and give voice to the principles embodied in the Statement of Principles by: functioning as a libertarian political entity separate and distinct from all other political parties or movements; moving public policy in a libertarian direction by building a political party that elects Libertarians to public office; chartering affiliate parties throughout the United States and promoting their growth and activities; nominating candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States, and supporting Party and affiliate party candidates for political office; and, entering into public information activities.

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# The Libertarian Solutions Contest

**\$500 Cash Prizes for Winners to be Chosen at the 2012 National Convention**

**W**ant to participate in a fun contest—that advances liberty? This is your chance to create, in video format, a Libertarian solution that - if chosen by our panel of judges as a finalist - will be shown on the convention floor at our 2012 Libertarian Nominating Convention for attendees and C-SPAN viewers to see.

As a convention attendee, it's also your chance to vote for the best video among the finalists chosen in each of four categories: best Libertarian proposal to shrink Big Government at the local level; best Libertarian proposal to shrink Big Government at the state level; best Libertarian proposal to shrink Big Government at the federal level; best pitch for voting Libertarian—and putting to rest the “spoiler argument.”

The winner in each of the four categories will be awarded a \$500 prize.

Finalist's videos will be on display at the convention and also posted at LP.org, space permitting.

Each of the first three categories will be proposals that a Libertarian candidate, if elected, could implement. Each will have the effect of shrinking Big Government – and in doing so, expanding liberty.

These proposals and pitches can be used by candidates to advance our Libertarian Party agenda through their federal, state and local campaigns. They will appeal to everyday voters – a majority of whom want less government than we have today. Yet they will be ones that the vast majority of

## What is a “Libertarian Solution”?

A libertarian solution is one that shrinks Big Government - and never expands Big Government. The more it shrinks Big Government, the more liberty we gain.

A solution that can be used in a Libertarian campaign effectively must be extremely simple and easy to explain, or need no explanation. Candidates have very little time to express their ideas in forums where most voters will hear them, often just 10- or 20-second sound bites! Therefore the subject matter should be one that is already familiar to voters, and the action proposed should take mere seconds to understand. For example, “cut the property tax.”

To win over more voters, the Libertarian Solution must be favored by a substantial percentage of them. The more, the better. But it must do more: offer substantial benefits to voters -- so that they care, so it's worth remembering, and so voters are motivated to go to the polls and vote for it. They must see it as a solution that will make their lives better. To help voters visualize how this solution would play out in their own lives, the benefits must be spelled out as much as possible - at every opportunity.

A tax cut, great as it sounds to Libertarians, is a feature -- not a benefit. A benefit is how that feature affects voters' lives for the better.

For example, a tax cut means more money in your pocket to pay your bills, pay off your credit cards, pay off your student loans, take the family on a vacation, or put away money for your retirement. These are things that matter to everyday voters.

There's no end to the list of benefits that liberty offers.

Benefits should be quantified wherever possible to illustrate their impact. For example, “ending a state income tax would give back \$3,000 to the average taxpayer - every year.” The number of voters who may benefit from the proposal if implemented should also be quantified. For example, “each of the 3,000,000 taxpayers and workers in the state will get back \$3,000 if we end the state income tax.”

A libertarian solution used in a campaign must be one that candidates running for state, federal or local office would have the authority to implement. To demonstrate their sincerity to voters, candidates must specify the action(s) they would take to implement the proposal if elected, such as sponsoring legislation and working to get it passed.

All this must be boiled down to sound bites, ads and concise candidate statements. Simple, clear and compelling.

**For more info and to enter the contest, please visit LP.org**

Republicans and Democrats would not dare support because they actually shrink Big Government.

We'll have fun picking a winner. Yet every proposal will be a win, because every proposal will help carve a path for less government – and more liberty. Together,

they will showcase some of the many ways we can successfully reduce, repeal, and dismantle the laws, regulations, taxes, spending, authority, debt, liabilities and assets of Big Government.

Libertarian candidates and party members are invited to participate.

## Libertarians Reunite to Celebrate 40 Years of Liberty

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On Sunday (and possibly Saturday afternoon), delegates will select party officers for the next 2-year term.

The convention will open with the Keynote Speech on Thursday morning by Libertarian persuasion guru Michael Cloud followed by a full program of speakers, training sessions and party business on Thursday and Friday on the main convention floor and in break-out rooms.

There will be a variety of informative training sessions for candidates, activists and state party leaders. Plus, the LNCC will hold a training class for candidates and campaign workers before the convention starts on Wednesday, May 2nd starting at 8:00 AM.

Libertarian principles, memories and dreams of the past will meet the present and future of your liberty – and ours – at the 2012 convention in Las Vegas. You'll remember this 40th Anniversary Libertarian National Convention for the rest of your life.

For the convention schedule and a full list of speakers and events, see page 9.

## Token Tips for Convention Delegates

*Your Tokens Are What Elect Our Candidates. Treat Them Like Gold.*

by Alicia Mattson

**F**or those of you who will be first-time delegates to our national convention, there are some “token” procedures we use that are likely different from what you've encountered at a state convention.

When you arrive, check in first at the registration desk and then at the credentials desk to get your badge and delegate materials. One of the things you will receive at the credentials desk is a packet with 7 tokens in it. Treat your tokens like cash. They are valuable and cannot be replaced if lost.

According to our bylaws, to be nominated for President or Vice-President, a candidate must be nominated in writing by the signatures of 30 registered delegates. You will receive one token for the Presidential nomination, and one for the Vice-Presidential nomination. To help nominate your favorite candidate, fill

in all the blanks on your Presidential signature token, including the candidate's name and your printed name and signature, and place it in a designated ballot box. Very important: Do not hand your signed token to someone else with the candidate's name left blank – not even the candidate or the candidate's volunteer.

The very same Presidential signature tokens are used to determine the participants in the Presidential candidate debate. Each candidate must receive tokens equal to 10% of the number of registered delegates to be included in the debate. Candidates receiving more than 10% can qualify for special to-be-announced privileges during the debate, so you want your favorite candidate to get as many tokens as possible.

You will also receive 5 tokens to be used for platform plank retention voting. Essentially, you can use each token to express a desire to delete a particular platform plank. You may cast all

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## Don't Delay!

**Discount pricing at the Red Rock Resort, Las Vegas ends soon...**

**So register and make your hotel reservations and travel plans today!**

**Gold, Silver and Bronze convention packages offer a variety of exciting events, receptions and perks.**

**See page 10 for details.**

# Carla Howell Appointed Executive Director of the Libertarian Party

by LNC Staff

Long-time Libertarian activist Carla Howell brings a wealth of experience to her appointment as the new Executive Director for the National Libertarian Party which she began in December, 2011:

- **308,860 votes - 12% of the vote – as Libertarian U.S. Senate candidate against Ted Kennedy and a Republican candidate** in 2000. The highest % in party's history for a Libertarian U.S. Senate candidate in a 3-way race against both a Republican and Democrat (2000)
- Spokesperson and champion for two statewide **End the Income Tax** ballot initiatives in Massachusetts. Endorsements from the *Wall Street Journal*, *Steve Forbes* and *National Taxpayers Union*. (2002 and 2008)
- Spokesperson and champion for statewide ballot initiative to **roll back the Massachusetts sales tax** from 6.25% to 3% (the largest cut allowed by law). (2010)
- Her ballot initiatives forced Teachers Union to spend \$12,000,000 to keep taxes in place. All three won just under **1 million votes — each**.
- Featured stand-alone guest on hundreds of TV and radio show including **Bill O'Reilly**, **Neil Cavuto**, **Glenn Beck**, **Fox Business News**, **Neal Boortz**, **Larry Elder**, **Michael Medved**, and **David Brudnoy**.
- Campaigns covered by *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *LA Times*, *Boston Globe*, *The Economist*, *Financial Times* and *USA Today*.
- Headed regional fundraiser for Libertarian Presidential nominee Harry Browne that raised \$35,000 (1996)
- Debated **Mitt Romney**, **Robert Reich**, and high-profile Democrats in Libertarian campaign for Governor of Massachusetts (2002)
- Won endorsement of the *Boston Herald* in Libertarian campaign for State Auditor; vote total gave LP party status in Massachusetts (1998)
- Co-founded the Center for Small Government dedicated to making government small; Emceed the Small Government Summit (2009)
- Two-term Massachusetts Libertarian Party State Chair (1997-1999)
- Co-Plaintiff in U.S. Supreme Court lawsuit against BCRA/FEC with Ron Paul, Michael Cloud, Gun Owners of America and Citizens United (2004)
- Featured speaker at numerous **Tea Party Rallies**, Libertarian state and national conventions, Freedom Fest, ISIL and other liberty events.
- Twenty years private sector experience in product/project management, marketing, software development, health care policy. **MBA** 1985, Marketing and Entrepreneurship, **Babson College**, Wellesley, MA.
- Composed, performed and recorded spoof song *How Can I Live Without Filing Taxes?*



Carla Howell is the LP's new Executive Director.

# LP Ballot Access Update

by William Redpath

At the December 2011 meeting of the Libertarian National Committee (LNC), a 2012 budget was passed that included a budget for Ballot Access expense of \$245,000. While I did not, at that time, think that would be enough money to earn us ballot access for our presidential ticket in all 50 states and DC, I now think that is possible.

As of March 2012, the Libertarian Party's presidential ticket is ballot qualified in 30 states, namely AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, DE, FL, GA, HI, ID, IN, KS, LA, MD, MI, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NM, NC, OH, OR, SC, SD, TX, UT, VT & WY. This assumes that all paperwork will be filed on a timely basis, which is extremely important and not to be assumed. Bob Johnston of the National Office is helping me monitor that.

There are petition drives ongoing now in these states: CT, IA, IL, KY, ND, NH, OK, PA, VA & WV. The OK & CT

parties have worked with Scott Kohlhaas to fund their petition drives and greatly reduce LNC expense.

The following states can start their petition drives after our presidential ticket is nominated on May 5: AL, MA, ME, NJ & TN. The ballot situations in AL & TN may greatly improve due to ongoing litigations in those states.

These states start at certain dates after May 5: DC (July 1), MN (May 21), NY (July 10), RI (about the end of June), WA (sometime in July) and WI (August 1).

Where possible, the LP uses full party petitions to qualify candidates for offices other than President & Vice President.

I cannot emphasize how important volunteer signatures are if you live in a state in which a ballot drive is occurring. Each volunteer signature saves about \$2 in petitioning expense. Also, your continued generous financial contributions to the LNC are needed to make ballot access and other programs for our state parties and their candidates possible.

# SILver Anniversary for Libertarian Student Group at University of Virginia

by LNC Staff

Students for Individual Liberty at the University of Virginia is celebrating its 25th consecutive year of activity during the 2011-2012 academic year. The organization, its president Chase Camuzzi, and faculty advisor Jim Lark were honored during the Students For Liberty International Conference in Washington, DC in February.

"I am very proud of what SIL and its members have accomplished," noted Dr. Lark, who founded the organization in 1987 while a graduate student at the university. "I believe we have made a substantial contribution in promoting the Libertarian perspective."

Dr. Lark mentioned that while SIL is a nonpartisan educational organization, the group's efforts have been important in building the Libertarian Party in the greater Charlottesville community. "SIL was responsible for the speech by LP presidential candidate Ron Paul at UVA in February 1988. This was the first of many activities in which SIL

helped the LP while remaining a non-partisan organization.

Dr. Lark expressed appreciation for the assistance provided by the LP and other liberty movement organizations. "From the beginning, the LP has been very supportive of our efforts. For example, SIL's first major public event featured Karl Hess, editor of LP News."

"Don Ernsberger and Dave Walter were very helpful to us in their capacities as leaders in both the LP and the Society for Individual Liberty. Vince Miller and Jim Elwood of Libertarian International (now International Society for Individual Liberty) and Tom Palmer of the Institute for Humane Studies helped us greatly. Cato, the Reason Foundation, and the Foundation for Economic Education were very generous in providing material to us."

As campus coordinator for the LP, Dr. Lark said he is encouraged by what he is seeing today. "During the Students For Liberty event at which SIL was honored, SFL presented awards to the best

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# "Libertarian" is a Verb: An Essay by Michael Cloud

What's a libertarian? "Libertarian: one who upholds the principle of liberty, especially individual liberty of thought and action," writes Webster's New International Dictionary. "A libertarian is an advocate of individual liberty," say many pro-liberty writers. "A libertarian is a person who believes in both economic and personal freedom," say others.

Most freedom advocates describe or define a libertarian in terms of his beliefs, philosophy, values, or proposals. What if they are mistaken? What if a person can believe in liberty, endorse the freedom philosophy, value liberty, propose liberty - and still NOT be a libertarian? What if the essential, defining characteristic of a libertarian is NOT what he thinks or feels or says? What if the key to being libertarian is what a person does?

What if "libertarian" is a verb?

## A Lesson from Vegetarians

What do you call a NON-practicing vegetarian? A carnivore. (Or omnivore.) Suppose the NON-practicing vegetarian deeply believes in vegetarianism. Does the belief make him a vegetarian?

Suppose the NON-practicing vegetarian writes books and essays making the case for vegetarianism. He gives speeches and seminars urging others to become vegetarians. Does this make him a vegetarian? Suppose he has strong vegetarian sentiments. Or in principle is committed to vegetarianism. Or fancies himself a philosophical vegetarian. But he continues to eat animal flesh and by-products. Is he a vegetarian?

No. "Practicing vegetarian" is a redundancy. "NON-practicing vegetarian" is a contradiction in terms.

## A Lesson from Writers

A writer is a person who writes. NOT a person who wants to write. NOT a person who thinks about writing. NOT a person who talks about writing. NOT a person who aspires, hopes, intends, or longs to write.

To be a writer is to write. To write is to be a writer. To be is to do. To do is to be. AND - not to do is not to be.

"Writer" is a verb.

## A Lesson from Athletes

Athletes are individuals who engage in sports. Football, basketball, baseball, hockey, soccer, and the host of other com-



petitive sports. Some athletes are young. Others are older. Most are amateur. Some are professional. All work out and practice. Come game day, they are the ones in the arena, on the court, or on the playing field.

The people in the stands are fans, NOT athletes. The people watching the game on TV are spectators, NOT athletes. The people writing about the athletic contest are sports writers, NOT athletes.

The athletes are competing on the playing field. They are sweating and striving and straining against the other team. They suffer pain and injury. They are the ones pitting their best efforts and skills against their adversaries.

Win or lose, they are the athletes.

"Athlete" is a verb.

## What it Really Means to be a Libertarian

To be a libertarian is to act to advance liberty. To be is to do. Not to take actions to advance liberty is NOT to be a libertarian. Not to do is not to be.

Understanding liberty does NOT make a person a libertarian. Believing in liberty does NOT make a person a libertarian. Libertarian sentiments, values, leanings, longings, or convictions do NOT

make a person a libertarian. A strong commitment to liberty does NOT make a person a libertarian. Supporting libertarian principles - or opposing Big Government principles - does NOT make a person a libertarian.

"Libertarian" is a verb.

Government power and liberty are opposites. And they have a win/lose, zero-sum relationship. Government power grows by shrinking liberty. And liberty grows by shrinking government power. By making government smaller than it is today.

We advance liberty by acting to reduce or remove government spending, funding, resources, programs, liabilities, authority, and power.

To be a libertarian is to act to make government smaller than it is now. To make liberty larger than it is now.

Which actions?

Vote to advance liberty. Vote for small government candidates, ballot initiatives and referendums. Pledge publicly to vote against Big Government - and for small government. Join the Libertarian Party. Volunteer, donate, and vote libertarian. Volunteer to help or give an affordable donation to candidates who publicly and explicitly campaign to make government smaller than it is today.

Help with an "Operation Politically Homeless" Booth (Advocates for Self-Government) to positively expose people to libertarianism.

This is easy and fun and effective. For more information, visit [www.theadvocates.org/content/18](http://www.theadvocates.org/content/18).

Ask your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to vote to shrink government. Recruit, educate, and activate them to act to advance liberty by making government smaller than today.

To advance liberty, we must act to pass ballot initiatives to roll back Big Government.

To advance liberty, we must elect champions of small government. First one. Then more. Then a majority - of our city councils, state legislatures, and Congress.

It will take time. But it is the fastest, simplest, and most reliable way to reduce and remove Big Government programs, taxes, spending, and power.

To be a libertarian is to act to reduce or remove government power. Which advances and expands liberty.

"Libertarian" is a verb.

© Michael Cloud 2006. Michael Cloud is Co-Founder and President of the Center For Small Government and author of *Secrets of Libertarian Persuasion*.

# The 2011 Libertarian Party Annual Report



## Treasurer's Report

by William Redpath

The LNC's balance sheet is in the best condition that it has been over the past four years. Of the \$444,104 of LNC assets at the end of 2011, \$311,790 was Cash, while Accounts Payable was only \$5,272. This is a good base from which we start to meet the fiscal demands of a presidential election year, including expenditures on ballot access, which are budgeted at \$245,000 for 2012.

The condition of the balance sheet has been the product of good expense controls at the National Office. Unfortunately, LNC revenues continued a slow downward trend in 2011. In nine of the last ten years, LNC revenues have been lower than the previous comparable year in the four year election cycle (the only exception was 2010 revenue being higher than 2006 revenue). This is a reflection of our lack of sustaining membership growth. We all need to work (i.e., to donate as generously as possible) to reverse this trend.

Revenue problems notwithstanding, in 2011, the LNC ran a Net Operating Surplus for the third consecutive year, with a Total Net Operating Surplus of \$278,848 for 2009 through 2011. It is that Net Surplus of revenues over expenses that has led to our good balance sheet, as of December 31, 2011.

Audited financial statements for 2011 and 2010 will be available at the Libertarian National Convention in Las Vegas, which runs from Thursday, May 3 through Sunday, May 6, at the Red Rock Casino & Resort in Las Vegas. During the Treasurer's Report on that Thursday morning, I will provide an update as to the current finances of the Libertarian National Committee.

*Editor's Note: William Redpath is the Treasurer for the Libertarian National Committee, Inc.*



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## Statement of Operations 2008 - 2011

	Jan - Dec 08	Jan - Dec 09	Jan - Dec 10	Jan - Dec 11
<b>Support and Revenue</b>				
20-Membership Dues	472,861.72	480,132.32	532,493.82	482,622.32
21-Donations	502,819.77	307,564.34	240,507.67	288,019.46
22-Recurring Gifts	297,018.01	268,088.64	351,243.39	393,021.37
23-BoardSolicitation MajorGifts	72,539.24	19,763.40	94,387.70	25,027.00
24-Convention Revenue	1,460.00	0.00	170,112.06	0.00
25-Project Program Revenue	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	134,259.56
26-Brand Development Rev	0.00	0.00	28,994.00	0.00
27-BallotAccess Donations	266,140.70	0.00	32,052.03	30,187.89
28-Publications Materials Other	24,300.00	500.00	24,427.10	7,899.98
29-Other Revenue & Offsets	0.00	3,652.31	2,870.63	1,522.93
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>1,637,139.44</b>	<b>1,079,701.01</b>	<b>1,482,088.40</b>	<b>1,362,560.51</b>
<b>Cost of Support and Revenue</b>				
32-Fundraising Costs	223,300.54	145,587.87	126,335.04	146,671.93
33-Membership Fundraising Costs	72,084.55	73,486.36	121,164.78	155,965.06
34-Direct Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
35-Convention	33,531.11	0.00	102,895.71	0.00
36-BallotAccess Fundraising Exp	28,120.23	0.00	4,282.91	2,937.01
<b>Total Cost of Support and Revenue</b>	<b>357,036.43</b>	<b>219,074.23</b>	<b>354,678.44</b>	<b>305,574.00</b>
<b>Net Support Available for Programs</b>	<b>1,280,103.01</b>	<b>860,626.78</b>	<b>1,127,409.96</b>	<b>1,056,986.51</b>
<b>Program Expense</b>				
40-Administrative Costs	408,088.29	379,255.33	356,133.40	380,542.70
45-Compensation	404,906.43	342,028.35	375,988.31	409,659.81
50-Affiliate Support	3,230.93	300.00	0.00	3,867.21
55-Brand Development	14,037.98	34.87	51,878.72	5,190.78
58-Campus Outreach	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.00
60-Candidate, Campaign & Initiatives	500.00	0.00	25,048.11	50,000.00
70-BallotAccess Petitioning Related Exp	479,834.96	5,500.00	128,904.03	85,452.23
75-Litigation	30,421.69	5,366.69	0.00	12,882.01
80-Media	251.00	5,745.00	1,250.00	0.00
85-Member Communication and Materials	85,704.89	33,091.58	34,016.19	36,992.13
88-Outreach	19,567.67	3,016.45	8,392.15	21,285.31
90-Project Program Other (Building Fund)	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,293.64
<b>Total Program Expense</b>	<b>1,446,543.84</b>	<b>774,338.27</b>	<b>981,670.91</b>	<b>1,010,165.82</b>
<b>Net Operating Surplus (or Deficit)</b>	<b>(166,440.83)</b>	<b>86,288.51</b>	<b>145,739.05</b>	<b>46,820.69</b>

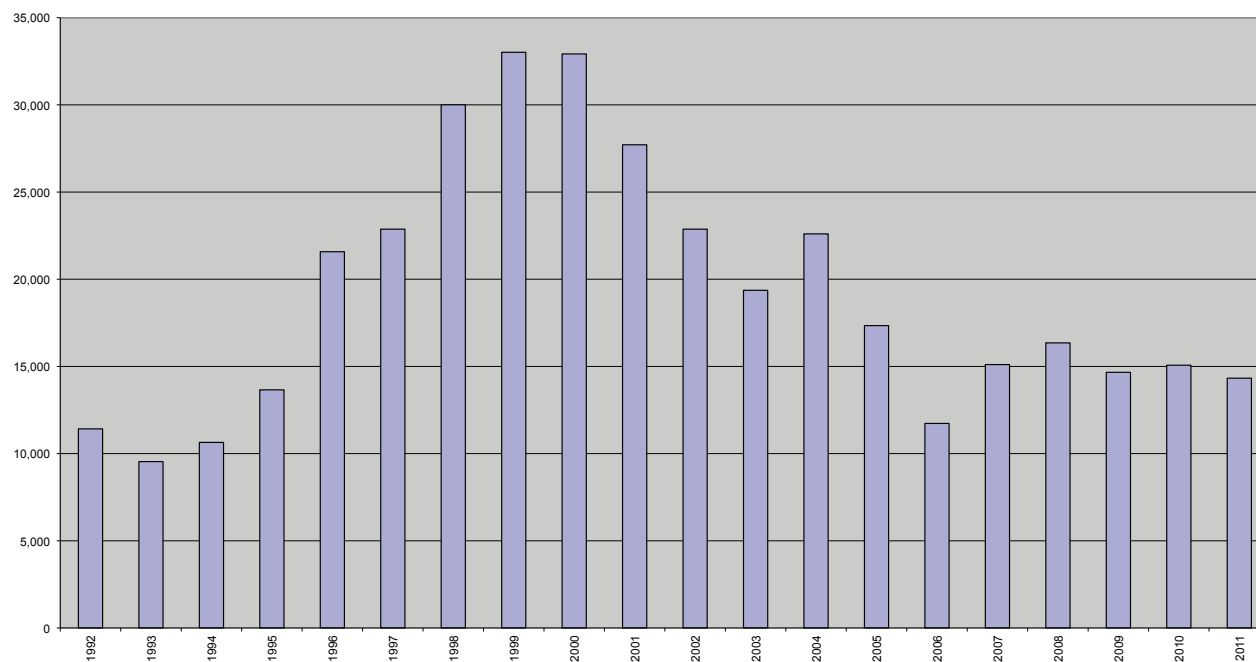
## Balance Sheet Summary 2008 - 2011

	Dec 31, 08	Dec 31, 09	Dec 31, 10	Dec 31, 11
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>207,542</b>	<b>235,481</b>	<b>421,811</b>	<b>444,104</b>
<b>TOTAL LAIBILITY</b>	<b>96,846</b>	<b>38,496</b>	<b>79,087</b>	<b>54,559</b>
<b>TOTAL eQUITY</b>	<b>110,696</b>	<b>196,985</b>	<b>342,724</b>	<b>389,544</b>

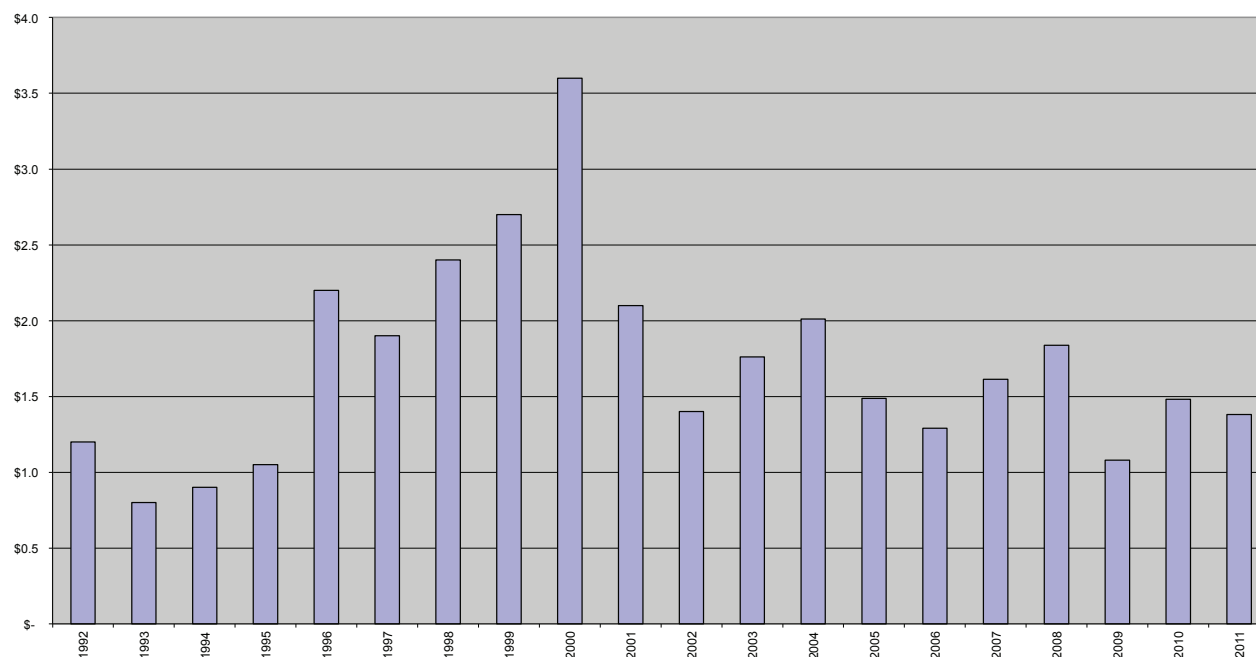
# The 2011 Libertarian Party Annual Report



## Party Membership By Year



## Party Revenue By Year (in millions)



## LNC Votes to Increase Life Membership by 50%

by Robert Kraus

The Libertarian National Committee, voted in their December, 2011 Las Vegas board meeting to change the structure of membership levels as well as the awards and benefits associated with these levels. The motion for this change passed by a 14-4 vote.

Currently, the levels of association recognized by the Party are as follows: Basic, \$25 annual dues payment; Regular, \$50 annual dues payment; Supporting, \$100 annual dues payment; Sponsor, \$250 annual dues payment; Patron, \$500 annual dues payment; Torch Club / Life Member, \$1,000 in dues or contributions prior twelve months; Chairman's Circle, \$5,000 in dues or contributions since last convention.

Effective July 1, 2012, the levels of association recognized by the Party will be as follows: Chairman's Circle, \$25,000 annually; Select Benefactor, \$15,000 annually; Beacon of Liberty, \$5,000 annually; Pioneer of Freedom, \$2,500 annually; Lifetime Founder, \$1,500 annually; Patriot, \$500 annually; Minuteman, \$250 annually; Advocate, \$150 annually; Supporter, \$50; Foundation Member, \$25 annually.

Currently, Lifetime members receive the following benefits: Life Ribbon at national convention, Lifetime pin, and public recognition for their contribution in LP News.

After July 1, the following new benefits will be added: special name badge at the national convention in addition to the Life Ribbon, public recognition in event program at the national convention, and public recognition on the Libertarian Party website.

Those that are thinking about making a serious commitment to the Libertarian Party by becoming Lifetime Members are strongly encouraged to contact Operations Director Robert Kraus at LPHQ to find out how much they have contributed over the last 12 months, and how much they will need to donate, in order to get to the \$1,000 level by July 1.

Those making the commitment by May are invited to join us at a special Torch Club Reception at the National Convention at the Red Rock Resort in Las Vegas on Thursday, May 3, from 6 to 8PM.

Robert can be reached via email at [Operations@LP.org](mailto:Operations@LP.org) or by calling LPHQ at 1-800-Elect-Us.



# The Libertarian Party's 2012 Presidential Candidates

## R. Lee Wrights



The Libertarian Party can make a difference in 2012, but the only way we can do that is by being different. We can only make a difference if our presidential candidate is willing and able to present a clear, principled, unwavering and unequivocal libertarian message that offers Americans true choices and rational alternatives.

We can only make a difference if we're not afraid to offer a radically different answer to our nation's problems, not variations or modifications of the false solutions promoted by Democrats and Republicans.

The libertarian promise of peace and prosperity is a message Americans are longing to hear. We don't need to soften, refine or modify what we believe to win votes. Instead, we must embrace our beliefs and wear them proudly.

As the Libertarian candidate for President of the United States, I'll make this bold stand. I've never been afraid to speak truth to power, and I won't stop now. I'll guarantee that in 2012 the Libertarian Party is the difference that makes a difference.

## Bill Still



The main problem troubling all Americans is the economy. Unfortunately, central banks (China, England, European Central Bank, and Japan) have pumped over \$7 trillion into the world economy. This "hot" money is making all stock markets rise and this is the main "economic" number people pay attention to, unfortunately.

This makes Obama's re-election much easier. But wait, wait: A hot money bubble is very temporary – typically 18 months – enough to get Obama through the election certainly.

The problem is that the quantity of money is not in the hands of we, the people. We have ZERO control over the QUANTITY. Banks and central banks are in complete control over the quantity of money in every nation on earth. I'm the only candidate anywhere who understands this and knows what to do about it.

1. No more national debt. A sovereign nation does not have to borrow. We borrow from banks and central banks and thereby we have a nation that has lost its sovereignty to the biggest banks.

## Carl Person



2012 should be our year, but we need to sell our party to voters. Being against war, taxes, regulation and in favor of personal freedoms is insufficient. We need to show voters through specific issues of importance to them (i.e., jobs, homes, education, business opportunities) that Libertarianism provides the desired solutions for voters. My issues (targeted deregulation to let small business create jobs, provide needed vocational training and create prosperity, and option to stay in foreclosed homes) will attract millions of voters who have lost almost everything through their elected Republicans and Democrats. No candidate in any party except me has specific, workable proposals to reach voters and attract their vote. 20,000,000 jobs can be created through my plan "First 3 Are Free" (i.e., treated as independent contractors, as a head start for small business); preemptive legislation to let small business advertise for capital (now illegal), and preemptive legislation to deregulate higher education and vocational training, to train millions of unemployed, underemployed, retirees, disadvantaged to become highly-paid "Technical Assistant to Small Business Owner".

## Gary Johnson



America, for the first time in modern history, is poised to reject the tired two-party duopoly that has brought the nation to its knees economically, while firmly implanting government in every aspect of our lives, families and businesses.

After many months of traveling the country and hearing the concerns and aspirations of thousands of Americans, I am more convinced than ever that the real majority today consists of individuals who not only want a government which spends less, but also does less. Less management of our lives. Less manipulation of our money. And less involvement in wars and nation-building we can neither afford nor justify as clear national interests.

That majority wants and deserves not only a voice in this election, but a viable candidate who has governed – successfully -- on the basis of libertarian principles. I am that candidate, and I ask for the support of Libertarians across the nation as we make history in 2012.

[www.garyjohnson2012.com](http://www.garyjohnson2012.com)

## RJ Harris



My name is RJ Harris and I am running for President of the United States to restore Freedom, Liberty the Constitution and the Republic. To do this as president I will end our foreign policy of interventionism, close GITMO and cease its tortuous activities, stop foreign aid hand-outs, end the drug war by pardoning all non-violent drug offenders, end the Federal Reserve System and restore sound currency, stop all unconstitutional federal spending and close all unconstitutional federal agencies, restore a Department of Justice which looks inwards towards our government instead of outwards towards We the People and I will place my oath of office to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States above all Congressional attempts to promulgate unconstitutional and freedom infringing legislation. To do all of that I need your support and your votes and I sincerely and humbly ask that from you today. In return I will fight for our freedom and defend our liberty message, without fear, in both the media and on the debate stage. Thank you.

## Jim Burns



Libertarians, I want to say thank you. Thank you because you are special: Special because you are chosen: Chosen because you made a choice. Your choice is libertarianism. Libertarians believe that people should be allowed to live as they choose so long as they do not initiate force, threaten to initiate force or engage in fraud. When Libertarianism is adopted, we will enter an age of Peace, Prosperity and Progress. You are special people because of your knowledge and with that knowledge you are among the only people who can bring us all: Peace, Prosperity and Progress. We are not better than anyone else. We are just people – but, because of our knowledge and choices, we do have it within our power to bring us all Peace, Prosperity, and Progress. Our task is not easy, nothing of value ever is. I am Jim Burns. I am seeking the Libertarian Party nomination for President. <http://www.jimburnsforpresident.com/> <http://www.facebook.com/#!/profile.php?id=100000094450639> PO Box 1139, Beatty, NV 89003, 541-261-4163, 702-722-9494

The above statements from candidates who are seeking the Libertarian Presidential Nomination are a maximum of 175 words and are not edited (except for formatting). These candidates met the criteria set for inclusion on the LP.org presidential candidates web page because they were ap-

proved for inclusion by at least five Libertarian National Committee Members and their candidacy was known before the decision was made by the committee on February 17, 2012 to remove all candidates from the LP.org web page.



LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL

2012 CONVENTION

2012 National Convention Schedule of Events

	Wednesday, May 2	Thursday, May 3	Friday, May 4	Saturday, May 5	Sunday, May 6
8:00AM	Candidate Training w/ Chuck Muth. (from 8:00AM to 5:00PM)		Post Breakfast Speaker	Post Breakfast Speaker	
9:00AM		Call-to-Order			
10:00AM		Keynote Address By Michael Cloud	Business Session: Platform		
11:00AM	Bylaws & Rules Committee	Officer Reports; Bylaws Committee Report	Break-Out Speaker Sessions	Business Session: including Presidential & Vice Presidential election.  LNC Candidate Forum (TBD)	Business Session: LNC Elections (9:00AM to 2:00PM)
NOON	Platform Committee	Luncheon With Speakers	Luncheon With Speakers		
1:00PM		Business Session Begins; Break-Out Speaker Sessions	Business Session Begins Break-Out Speaker Sessions (to 4:30PM)		
2:00PM					
3:00PM					
4:00PM		LSLA Meetings	LSLA Meetings		
5:00PM					
6:00PM	Registration Open to 9:00PM	LSLA Business Meeting (to 7:00PM)	Presidential Debate, Moderated by David Bergland	Cocktail Reception	
7:00PM	Welcome Reception - "Remembering Our Heroes"	Torch Club (invite only)		Presidential Grand Homecoming Banquet	
8:00PM			Post Debate Cocktail Party (Gold Package Only)		
9:00PM					
10:00PM					

Times are subect to change. Please check at LibertyWillWin.com for the most recent update of the schedule of events.



In just a few weeks, Libertarians from across the nation will be reuniting in Las Vegas to decide how in 2012...

LIBERTY WILL WIN.

Make your reservations now to get special Early Bird pricing and hotel discounts for the 2012 Libertarian National Convention, celebrating 40 years of helping to make America a freer nation. See Page 10 and 11 for more information.

# LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL 2012 CONVENTION

## 2012 National Convention Packages:

### Gold Package

- Presidential Banquet & Reception
- Saturday Lunch & Speaker
- Saturday Wake-up Speaker
- Gold VIP Post-Debate Presidential Candidate Reception Friday
- Friday Lunch & Speaker
- Friday Wake-up Speaker
- David Nolan Reception Wednesday
- All Breakout Speakers

### PLUS...

#### These Special Bonuses for Gold Package Buyers

- Express, First Class Gold Convention Check-In
- Premium Front Rows Seating at the Presidential Debate
- Express, First Class Entrance to the Presidential Banquet
- Reserved Tables at the Presidential Banquet – & more spacious seating
- Wine at Banquet
- One or two Libertarian VIP's Hosting each Banquet table
- AND Two Surprise Gifts - one will be shipped to you this week

**Base Gold Package Value: \$595**

**Special Bonuses Value: \$195**

**Total Value: \$790**

**Your Price: \$495 (\$295 Savings / 37% Discount)**

Because of your support for the Libertarian Party, and because this is the 40th anniversary of the Libertarian Party, we are offering You this \$790 Value for only \$495 – a 37% Savings – if you are one of the first 100 buyers of this offer. Buy your 2012 Presidential Convention Gold Package today for only \$495.

### Silver Package

- Presidential Banquet & Reception
- Saturday Lunch & Speaker
- Saturday Wake-up Speaker
- Friday Lunch & Speaker
- Friday Wake-up Speaker
- David Nolan Reception Wednesday
- All Breakout Speakers

**Silver Package Price at Door: \$495**

**Your Price: Only \$395 (\$120 Savings / 24% Discount)**

*Discount Price for the first 75 Silver Package buyers.*

### Bronze Package

- Presidential Banquet & Reception
- David Nolan Reception Wednesday
- All Breakout Sessions (NO Wake-up or Lunch Speakers)

**Bronze Package Price at Door: \$395**

**Your Price: Only \$295 (\$100 Savings / 25% Discount)**

*Discount price for the first 75 Bronze Package buyers.*

### TANSTAAFL Package

TANSTAAFL is the minimum required payment for Delegates and Alternates to enter the Convention to participate in Libertarian Party business, and in Libertarian Delegate meetings and activities. Some Libertarian Delegates want to attend only business sessions. This package was created so these Delegates will not have to buy more expensive Convention Packages, while still covering the event costs related to hosting the national convention. The TANSTAAFL Package allows Delegates to pay only the cost of what they choose to attend.

**TANSTAAFL package: \$94**

## Come Celebrate Liberty!

Dear Libertarians,

A 40th Anniversary does not come around very often, so please join me and hundreds of other Libertarians to celebrate our accomplishments and to join together to advance Liberty for our communities, our country and our world.



Your Convention Oversight Committee has worked hard to bring together informative, fascinating and fun speakers and presenters for you. We hope that you will come early for the LNCC candidate training workshop. Or maybe attend the LSLA workshops after floor business on Thursday and Friday.

Libertarians like Tonie Nathan, our first vice Presidential candidate and first woman to receive an electoral vote and Ed Clark our 1980 presidential candidate who got more votes than any other presidential candidate in our history will be there. David Bergland, a former National Chair, Vice Presidential AND Presidential candidate will moderate our Presidential debate on Friday evening. Michael Cloud, the foremost communicator of Libertarianism will be our Keynote Speaker on Thursday. Michael is also the best fundraiser in our movement and will be teaching a class for candidates on Effective Fundraising. There will be a panel of Elected Libertarians and speakers on how to outreach to kids and college students.

Some names you will know and others will be a surprise, but all have valuable insight and information for you. There are many other great speakers and presenters; whether you are interested in politics or philosophy, practical applications of Liberty or how to hold your own "Oklahoma Caucus," there will be something for you to enjoy, to learn and to take back home with you.

So come along to Las Vegas and be sure to stop by to say hello to me. I'll be the one with the big smile, so grateful to everyone making this Convention the best in years!

**Ruth E. Bennett**

Chair, Convention Oversight Committee  
and Convention Director

Register Online at:

**LibertyWillWin.com**



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40TH ANNIVERSARY

LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

HOMECOMING & REUNION

MAY 2ND THROUGH 6TH

LAS VEGAS RED ROCK RESORT



# Liberty Will Win!

## 2012 NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM:

### Package Information:

How many people are you registering: [    ]

Event Fee(s)      \$495.00 - Gold Package  
                          \$395.00 - Silver Package  
                          \$295.00 - Bronze Package  
                          \$94.00 - TANSTAFFL Package

Total Fees (# Registering x Package Selected): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Convention Attendee Information:

Name to display on nametag: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first time at a national LP convention? [ Yes | No ]

Are you an elected official? [ Yes | No ]

If yes, what is your elected office: \_\_\_\_\_

I am/expect to be a delegate or alternate from this state: \_\_\_\_\_

### Credit Card Information:

CC Type (Circle One): Visa | MasterCard | AmEx | Discover

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### Employer Information:

Federal law requires political committees to report the name, address, and occupation and employer for each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 in a calendar year. Political contributions are not tax-deductible.

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## AFFILIATE News And Events

*Affiliate news and events are provided to LP News by Libertarian Party state affiliates.*

### Colorado

*LPCO Puts Together a Full Slate of Candidates*

For the first time in ten years, the Libertarian Party of Colorado is running a “full slate” of Congressional and state legislature races, thanks to the dedicated recruiting efforts of Joe Johnson and a handful of activists. The candidates will be nominated at the state convention held on St. Patrick’s Day weekend, and there is a good chance there will even be a few contests resulting in a Libertarian primary election (Colorado law requires a primary when at least two candidates each receive at least 30% of the nominating vote). Having a primary has historically been a major factor in registered Libertarian growth in Colorado. Joe and team plan on continuing their efforts after the convention so that the LPCO vacancy committee can appoint as many candidates as possible to county-level and other district races.

Also at the state convention, organized by Bette Rose Ryan, are a fundraising banquet featuring former candidate and author David Bergland, and a presidential debate featuring (in alphabetical order) former Gov. Gary Johnson, Scott Keller, Carl Person, and Lee Wrights. The convention has garnered the attention of the Denver Post and NPR.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Frank Atwood, a bill for approval voting stands a good chance of being introduced in the Colorado legislative session next year.

The LPCO has recently allied itself with Liberty Day, a nationwide organization headquartered in the Denver metro area that is dedicated to educating elementary school students about the Constitution (see [LibertyDay.org](http://LibertyDay.org)). Andy McKean, Liberty Day founder and descendent of Declaration of Independence signer Thomas McKean, hopes to have chapters of Liberty Day in every community in the country and asks that each state LP be involved in that effort.

Amendment 64 has recently been certified to appear on the ballot for Colorado’s general election. The LPCO Board of

Directors endorsed this citizen initiative, which is the subject of some controversy among party members due to the taxes and expansion of government involved. Nevertheless, passage of Amendment 64 would make Colorado the first state to re-legalize the general production and use of marijuana by adults 21 and over.

### Indiana

*40 Candidates Expected to Run in 2012*

The Libertarian Party of Indiana State Convention will be held March 23 to 25 in Indianapolis, IN. The weekend will feature a Presidential debate and straw poll, Sharon Harris of the Advocates for Self-Government, training sessions on educational choice and county party strategic planning, and a concert Saturday night featuring Jordan Page.

At that convention, the LPIN will nominate nearly 40 candidates for state and federal office. By the Indiana deadline in June, the LPIN and its affiliates will have nearly 100 candidates.

Amongst those are presumed nominees Rupert Boneham and Andrew Horning. Boneham is best known nationally for his three appearances on *Survivor*, but is also known as a successful small business owner and philanthropist in Indiana. Boneham has already raised over \$20,000 before the LPIN state convention, and one news poll puts his name ID at 50%, fifteen points higher than the Democrat.

Horning has been the face of the LPIN for 10 years, and is also very well-known in Indiana. Horning held the first tea party in 2007 to protest out of control property taxes. Over 500 Hoosiers gathered outside of the Governor’s mansion to stand with Horning, and fight the unconstitutional property tax. Horning is well known amongst Indiana tea parties for his annotated Indiana and Federal Constitution, and he looks to leverage that in a bid to unseat long-time Senator Dick Lugar.

### Iowa

*Convention Features Newspaper Columnist, Book Author as Speaker*

In 150 years, people will look back on this time the way they now do the Dark Ages, believes Beth Cody, a lib-

ertarian writer in Iowa City, Iowa.

She will speak to the Iowa State LP Convention in Des Moines on March 31 about her new book, “Looking Backward: 2162-2012; A View From a Libertarian Republic,” a novel that depicts one possible future of freedom after the collapse of the United States government.

Cody, who has written monthly libertarian opinion pieces for the Iowa City Press-Citizen since 2006, thinks that the general public’s ideas about what constitute “good government” are steadily changing as people become more familiar with the failures of big government. That change in philosophy will only accelerate as people watch the U.S. and other governments become insolvent; unable to pay debts and promised benefits.

This disillusionment with overreaching government will likely lead to smaller governments in the future, Cody believes. It is just such a scenario that is the basis for her novel, a modern retelling of Edward Bellamy’s 19th-century socialist utopian novel, “Looking Backward: 2000-1887.”

That original political novel was a bestseller and an immensely influential book that led many to believe communism was the answer to society’s ills. Cody’s new book recasts the tale of a man who wakes up in the future to discover a new economic and political system: not the collectivist system of Bellamy’s novel, but one of free markets and limited government.

Her book serves as an enjoyable introduction to the ideas of libertarianism: Over the course of the story, the main character grows to understand how – and why – political and economic freedom work better than the system of government aggression, corporate corruption and endless war that we have in 2012. But even seasoned libertarians will likely enjoy reading the future “history” of the United States and what follows it.

We only hope that Ms. Cody’s imagined future proves to be accurate.

### Kansas

*LPKS Exceeds 10,000 Registered Voter Mark*

I’d like to report that the Libertarian Party of Kansas is making steady, consistent progress. In early October our membership exceeded 10,000 registered voters for the first time. The Kansas Secretary of State reported our membership at 10,139 as of October 1, 2011.

We have been growing at about 5 percent annually for a few years now. We hope to improve on our 2010 vote totals this election season where we had many races double vote count from 1 to 2 percent, to 3 to 4 percent on average. We are working to take advantage of the Ron Paul momentum and permanently add his liberty loving supporters to our ranks. A marketing group has been organized and we are striving to support our candidates and spread the Libertarian message through a radio campaign in the second half of 2012.

One point of success this year continues to be working with legislators and building coalitions and networks with other groups on political issues. Again this year, the LPKS is leading the effort in school choice in Kansas. Our policy researcher, Stacey Davis, authored the Kansas Education Liberty Act. We attracted support from school choice groups on the local, state and national level and had it introduced into the legislature last year and had an Education Committee hearing. We have worked with legislators to rewrite the bill and are winning more support in the Kansas House this year. We are expecting HB2767 to move out of committee and to the House floor in the spring of 2012. Additionally, the LPKS is challenging all Kansas cities and counties who are usurping state open carry law. We are networking with like-minded organizations and the Kansas Attorney General to protect the rights and security of Kansans. Our goal is to motivate our members to become more involved and expand our coalition building strategy to other political issues. It is proving to be a successful tool as a means of introduction to spread the Libertarian message and position. It has also been useful as ready-made platform stances for our candidates.

### Montana

*MTLP Candidate Roster Complete*

The filing deadline has passed in Montana. After the dust has settled the MTLP will have filled 6 statewide offices with one position contested. On the legislative, there two Senate candidates and 8 house candidates for a total of 17 in the primary and 18 in the general election with addition of president/vice president.

The candidates are: US Senate, Jerry McConnell and Dan Cox; US House, David Kaiser; Governor/LT Governor,

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# Speakers at the 2012 Libertarian National Convention

## Michael Cloud

*Author, Keynote Speaker*



"Michael Cloud is the Master of Libertarian Persuasion," wrote Harry Browne. He is the author of *Secrets of Libertarian Persuasion* and, to be released May 2, *Unlocking More Secrets of Libertarian Persuasion*.

In 2000, Libertarian Party members overwhelmingly voted Michael Cloud the best Libertarian Communicator in America – and honored him with the Tom Paine Award. He launched and organized Harry Browne's 1996 Libertarian Presidential campaign.

Since 1999, he has written the Persuasion Power Point column for *Advocates for Self Government's* email newsletter, 'Liberator Online.' He is President and co-Founder of the Center For Small Government.

## Sharon Harris

*President, Advocates for Self Government*



Sharon Harris is President of the Advocates for Self-Government, a nonprofit educational organization, founded in 1985, which specializes in libertarian communication and outreach. Sharon has been active

in the libertarian movement since the early 70s, and was one of the three finalists for the National LP's "Thomas Paine Award for Outstanding Libertarian Communicator" – selected by members of the party and presented at the 2000 National Convention.

## David Bergland

*1984 Presidential Candidate*



David Peter Bergland received the United States Libertarian Party's nomination for the 1984 presidential election. Bergland and his running mate Jim Lewis received 228,111 (0.3%). He received the party's vice-presidential

nomination in the 1976 presidential election, sharing the ticket with Roger MacBride.

## Tonie Nathan

*1972 Vice Presidential Candidate*



Tonie Nathan is a woman of many "firsts." In 1972 she won the nomination as the first Vice-Presidential candidate of the Libertarian Party and then went on to receive the first Electoral College vote ever awarded a woman in the history of the United States.

## Dr. Nancy Lord

*1992 Vice Presidential Candidate*



Nancy Lord was the vice-presidential candidate of the United States Libertarian Party in the U.S. presidential election, 1992, as the running-mate of Andre Marrou. Marrou and Lord placed fourth in the popular vote with 290,087 votes (0.28%).

## Ed Clark

*1980 Presidential Candidate*



In 1980, Ed Clark received 921,128 votes for President of the United States. This is the highest Libertarian Presidential vote total ever. In 1978, Mr. Clark garnered 377,960 votes for Governor of California.

While he campaigned as a Libertarian Candidate, and was the nominee of the Libertarian Party of California, he appeared on the ballot as an independent candidate. Mr. Clark has served as State Chair of the Libertarian Party of California, the Libertarian Party of New York, and Vice-Chair of the Libertarian Party. Ed Clark is a Life Member of the Libertarian Party. He earned his law degree from Harvard. He was Chief anti-Anti-Trust Attorney for ARCO.

## Robert Poole

*Co-Founder REASON*



Robert Poole co-founded the Reason Foundation with Manny Klausner and Tibor Machan in 1978, and served as its president and CEO from then until the end of 2000. He was a mem-

ber of the Bush-Cheney transition team in 2000. Over the years, he has advised the Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Clinton, and George W. Bush administrations on privatization and transportation policy. Poole has written hundreds of articles, papers, and policy studies on privatization and transportation issues.

## Judge John Buttrick

*Superior Court Judge*



Judge John A. Buttrick serves on the Superior Court in Maricopa County of Arizona. After earning his Bachelor's degree from The University of Denver in 1973, he went on to graduate from Harvard Law School in 1976.

He passed the state bar and practiced law in Arizona. He was a partner at Brown and Bain, P.A. for almost 20 years before being appointed a Superior Court judge in 2001. Before his appointment, Buttrick was an active Libertarian Party member and served on the Libertarian National Committee for two terms. Judge Buttrick was reelected in his 2004 and 2008 retention elections with an overwhelming majority. He is a staunch supporter of ending the war on drugs and actively promotes libertarian ideas throughout his community. In the summer of 2010, Judge Buttrick spoke at a NORML monthly meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. He discussed and answered questions on the wide range of problems from the war on drugs.

## Norma Jean Almodovar

*Author*



Norma Jean Almodovar - the author of the best-selling book, *Cop to Call Girl* - is now the Founder and President of The International Sex Worker Foundation for Art, Culture and Education (ISWFACE).

## Tibor Machan

*Libertarian Scholar and Philosophy Professor*



Tibor Machan, Ph.D. is a Hungarian-American philosopher and author of more than one hundred scholarly papers and more than thirty books. He is a research fellow at the Hoover Institution at

Stanford University, an adjunct scholar at the Cato Institute, and a former adjunct faculty member of the Ludwig von Mises Institute. Machan is a syndicated and freelance columnist; author of more than one hundred scholarly papers and more than thirty books, most recently *The Promise of Liberty*.

## Judge Jim Gray

*Superior Court Judge*



James Gray was the presiding judge of the Superior Court of Orange County, California and the 2004 Libertarian candidate for the United States Senate in California challenging incumbent U.S. Senator

Barbara Boxer. Judge Gray is the author of *Why Our Drug Laws Have Failed and What We Can Do About It - A Judicial Indictment of the War on Drugs* (2001) and has argued for legalization of marijuana. He is featured in the 2007 documentary *American Drug War: The Last White Hope*. Judge Jim Gray is chief proponent of a California ballot initiative called *Regulate Marijuana Like Wine* that, if passed, would regulate cannabis consumption and production like wine.

## Carla Howell

*2000 Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate against Ted Kennedy*



Carla Howell won 12% of the vote running against Ted Kennedy - the most successful Libertarian U.S. senate campaign in a 3-way race against a Democrat and Republican. She now serves as the Executive Director for the

National Libertarian Party.

To see the full slate of speakers, and their complete biographies, please visit:

**LibertyWillWin.com**

And, to see these speakers in person, register online or on Page 11 for the national convention.

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Ron Vandevender and Marc Mulcahy; Secretary of State, Roger Roots; Clerk of the Supreme Court, Mike Fellows; Senate District 07, John Marshall; Senate District 45, Rob McCoy; House District 3, Shawn Guyman; House District 26, Tim Martin; House District 63, Timothy Adams; House District 84, Scott Vandevender; House District 87, Karen Fisher; House District 88, Stephen Rodrigues; House District 89, Andy Elwell; House District 90, Toby Martin; U.S President/VP nominee, TBD.

### Ohio

*Candidate Numbers Up 166%*

The Ohio Libertarian Party state convention is March 30 to April 1 in Columbus, Ohio.

This is sizing up to be the largest LPO state convention in memory. Key speakers include: Rupert Boneham, LP candidate for Governor in Indiana; Matt Welch and Nick Gillespie of Reason; and Jim Babka of Downsize DC.

There will be seminars and a panel discussion featuring a number of LNC members on Saturday. The POTUS debate will be on Sunday morning, April 1. It will feature Gary Johnson, Bill Still, and R. Lee Wrights.

The Ohio primary was held on March 6 and the Libertarian Party of Ohio participated. This primary is important, as it is the ONLY way for a citizen in Ohio to party-register. 24 candidates will now move on to the November election. This is a 166 percent increase in candidates versus four years ago!

On March 17, the LPO State Central Committee held elections for their officers. The State Central Committee is similar to a Board of Directors. They in turn nominated and elected seven members to the LPO State Executive Committee. Kevin Knedler was elected Chair of the LPO State Executive Committee, which is the operational group for the state party. Kevin then appointed Directors to the various operating Divisions. The Directors are Aaron Harris with Communication, Jillian Mack with Finance, Bob Bridges with Political, and Jason Tyson with Field Development. We still are

searching for an IT Director.

For more details on the Ohio Libertarian Party, go to [www.lpo.org](http://www.lpo.org).

### Texas

*Libertarians to Run in Every Congressional Race*

The Libertarian Party of Texas emerged from a chaotic redistricting process with all statewide offices and 36 seats for US Congress filled with candidates. With the departure of Ron Paul from Congress, this is the first time Libertarians will be on the ballot for every congressional seat in Texas.

The party has begun its convention process, culminating in the state convention to be held June 8 to 10 at the DFW Marriott South, 4151 Centrepont Drive in Fort Worth. To help evaluate presidential candidates before the national convention, a debate is scheduled for April 7, from 4PM to 6PM at the Norris Conference Center, Red Oak Ballroom, 304 Houston Street, Fort Worth, Texas. Preceding the debate will be a meeting of the state committee to finalize the list of delegates to the national convention. Those wishing to serve as Texas delegates should contact Heather Fazio at [heather@lptexas.org](mailto:heather@lptexas.org).

Recently, Ross Groening and Ben Farmer spoke out against a government ban on plastic bag use at the Odessa City Council meeting. They called for a community-driven initiative to simply 'Just Pick Up the Bags' and launched the 'Get Up, Meet Up, and Clean Up' action plan to ask the free citizens of Odessa to take responsibility and clean up their own neighborhoods. The City Council responded by tabling the issue in favor of researching ways to handle the littering problem without creating a victimless crime.

### Utah

*Endorses Gary Johnson for President*

The Libertarian Party of Utah has officially endorsed Gary Johnson for President. We also revamped our website at <http://UtahLP.org>. Additionally, our state convention is April 21st and everyone is welcome to attend.

## Token Tips for the National Convention

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5 tokens for the same plank if you wish. On each token, clearly mark one – and only one – plank that you wish to delete, sign the token, and place the tokens in the designated ballot box. For any plank receiving more tokens than 20% of the registered delegates, the convention will

have a yes/no vote on whether to delete that plank.

In theory, as few as 4% of delegates could bring a plank to a deletion vote by casting all 5 of their tokens for that plank.

**Editor's Note:** Alicia Mattson is the Secretary for the Libertarian National Committee.

## Student Group Celebrates Anniversary

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student activist and best campus organization. I was extremely impressed by the quality of the activists and student organizations that are working for liberty.

"LP members will be pleased to see the progress the liberty movement is making on college campuses. The spec-

tacular growth of Students For Liberty and Young Americans for Liberty gives me great hope for the future.

**Editor's Note:** Dr. Jim Lark is the vice chair of the Libertarian Party of Virginia and a regional representative on the Libertarian National Committee. He served as Libertarian Party chairman during the 2000-2002 term.

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## There Ain't No Such Thing As A Free Convention

by Ruth Bennett

At Libertarian Party National Conventions of the past, there have been delegates who believe they should be permitted to attend for free.

This forces convention organizers to pass the cost of running the convention – the hall, chairs, tables, audio-visual/microphone services, lights, printing, staff, bus service and so on - to those who purchase packages. Which forces those who pay for a convention package to subsidize those who refuse to purchase one.

Subsidized convention attendance ends this year. For the first time, all attendees will be paying for the shared basic overhead costs of the convention.

There are several package levels. The minimum package, the TANSTA-AFL package for \$94, covers just the overhead costs apportioned to each delegate. This allows us to keep the Gold, Silver and Bronze packages lower-priced because the people pur-

chasing them will not be subsidizing those unwilling to pay.

There are multiple costs associated with attending a National Convention (travel, lodging, incidentals). Registering and getting onto the Convention floor is now one of those costs.

Please note that in order to get our meeting rooms without an additional cost, our attendees must book a minimum number of night stays at the Red Rock Resort. Therefore those who stay at the Red Rock are helping to pay for the meeting space while those who stay elsewhere are not helping with this cost.

Please book your reservation today if you have not already –we want you! But please also understand that no one attends the convention for free. No one will be admitted to the Convention Hall without paying for at least the basic TANSTA-AFL package to cover the minimum overhead costs.

As Libertarians, we understand the meaning of TANSTA-AFL: There ain't no such thing as a free lunch. Nor is there such thing as a free convention.



## LIBERTARIAN PARTY SPEAKS OUT

### Cruellest Cuts in Government Spending: The Democrat and Republican Scare Tactic

From a Libertarian Party  
"Monday Message"

When government spending cuts come up in conversation, Big Government Democratic and Republican Politicians break out the scare tactics. They threaten to cut the services that voters care about most. Police and fire protection, schools, and road repairs are some of their tried-and-true favorites.

Big Government Democrats and Republicans try to scare voters into believing that these are the only areas of government that can be cut. "Give us your tax dollars, or granny dies."

Rather than raise the retirement age for government employees from 54 to 67 -- the same age you retire with Social Security -- they threaten to raise the retirement age for Social Security recipients from 67 to 70. Rather than cancel wasteful and unnecessary government contracts for their Special Interest pals, they threaten to close

national parks and ruin the family vacations of thousands of Americans. Rather than cut the budget of the destructive Food and Drug Administration (FDA), they raise the price of life-saving drugs for patients who have grown dependent on government.

The threats and manipulations used by Big Government Democrats and Republicans are cruel and self-serving.

The Libertarian approach to cutting government spending is humane and reasonable.

Libertarians propose cutting the least needed areas of government spending first such as: waste, pork, and bureaucracy; failed and unnecessary Big Government programs; and, lush government employment packages and benefits.

Libertarians propose rolling back the most-needed services last -- after getting government out of the way so that voluntary solutions can take their place. That leaves more than enough money to protect our lives, liberty and property.

### End Dangerous Sanctions Now; Peace Through Free Trade

From a February 16, 2012  
Press Release

Libertarian National Committee Chair, Mark Hinkle, released the following statement:

"As relations with Iran deteriorate, President Barack Obama and the Bipartisan Senate Committee are making things worse: inciting yet another war in the Middle East through economic sanctions.

"On February 2nd, 2012 the Senate Banking Committee unanimously approved increased sanctions against Iran. Not willing to wait for a full Senate vote, President Obama increased sanctions by executive order on February 6th.

"The United States must stop meddling and return to our traditional libertarian foreign policy of free trade in order to

give peace a chance in the Middle East.

"Sanctions don't work. They unite the people of a country behind their political leaders, no matter how bad that leader may be. By meddling in foreign affairs, U.S. politicians turn foreign citizens - who support the United States - against us.

"Rather than repeat failed policies of past presidents, we must use the successful policies of those who kept us out of war. Presidents George Washington and Thomas Jefferson kept the United States out of the bloody French Revolution and allowed us to make peace with our arch-enemy, the British, by pursuing Free Trade and a noninterventionist foreign policy.

"The Libertarian Party calls for removing all restrictions on trade. Free Trade is the best way to foster peace in the Middle East."

### State of the Union and GOP Response 'Free Infomercials for Guilty Parties'

From a January 24, 2012  
Press Release

Sponsors of even the most embarrassing, inane and fraudulent infomercials have to pay for their own air time. They can't force TV stations to run their ads for free by threatening to shut them down.

Through the Federal Communications Commission and other government coercion, Democratic and Republican politicians run their shameless infomercials on prime time TV free of charge. Tonight's infomercial hand-outs were the State of the Union address and the 'opposition' response. Unlike Ginsu knives, hair spray for men, and ripped abs in 30 days, the Republican and Democratic infomercials have no redeeming social value.

The SOTU and Republican Response infomercials are a grand dog-and-pony show aimed at distracting attention from the fact that Democratic and Republican politicians are equally guilty of driving government spending into the stratosphere.

Both Democratic and Republican politicians initiated and supported bailouts. Both Democratic and Republican politicians initiated and supported mandates to buy medical insurance imposed on individuals and small businesses. Both Democratic and Republican politicians have voted for a laundry list of new and expanded government programs -- keeping taxes high and driving our national debt to staggering sums that defy comprehension.

President Barack Obama blamed the administration of former President George W. Bush for driving up debt and high unemployment. In response, Republican Governor Mitch Daniels threw blame back on the president and on the Democrat-controlled Senate. Both are correct. Both Democratic and Republican politicians in Washington D.C. are responsible for causing today's economic woes.

The Libertarian Party offers voters a desperately-needed alternative. Since its founding 40 years ago, the Libertarian Party remains unwavering in its pursuit of liberty, free trade and small government.

### Success! Your Action to Urge Virginia Senators to Stop NDAA Worked!

From a February 27, 2012  
Press Release

The support of Libertarians and others who helped Virginia Delegate Bob Marshall's bill to block the NDAA worked! Libertarians and other groups lobbied the Virginia Senate successfully, changing a split vote on Monday, February 27th to a landslide victory on Tuesday, February 28th.

(Update: The battle continues as the bill goes to Governor Bob McDonnell to sign or veto -- and votes line up for a possible override.)

Most Libertarians have heard about the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), and how it authorizes the government to kidnap and detain American citizens indefinitely.

In December, Congress passed and the President signed the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) which authorizes the President to use the military to kidnap American citizens for suspicion of being terrorists. The President is REQUIRED to either hold them indefinitely, prosecute them before a military tribunal, or transfer them to a foreign country (rendition).

Section 1021 is a novel new power. It pretends that the United States is a battlefield and her citizens are enemy combatants who are not entitled to the protections of the Bill of Rights.

Good people have taken this fight to the state level. State Delegate Bob Marshall of Virginia submitted an anti-detention (anti-kidnapping) bill, HB 1160. The official summary of 1160:

"A BILL to prevent any agency, political subdivision, employee, or member of the military of Virginia from assisting an agency of the armed forces of the United States in the investigation, prosecution, or detention of a citizen in violation of the United States Constitution, the Constitution of Virginia, or any Virginia law or regulation."

What if we could get one state to stand up to the federal government on this issue? Could we expand this movement to other states?

*Parts of this press release courtesy of Jim Babka, Downsize D.C., and Attorney William Olson*

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(Left) Elizabeth Nolan, widow of Libertarian Party Founder David Nolan, celebrates 40th Anniversary at fundraiser on December 10, 2011.

(Right) A flag bearing the original symbol of the Libertarian Party, is presented.



(Left) A cake at the fundraising event celebrates 40 years of liberty.

## What have you missed recently on LP.org?

- Gary Johnson announcement for the presidential race with LP Chair Mark Hinkle, generates flurry of media coverage.
- If We Want Better Health Insurance For All, Why Are We Making It Illegal?
- The True 1%: Government Employees
- Indefinite detention provisions are wrong
- New American quotes LP Executive Director attacking Romney
- Libertarian Candidate Lee Wrights Attracts International Attention
- 2012 - Possibility and Hope for Libertarians
- LP Poll: Should the Libertarian Party list presidential candidates at its web site?
- Super Committee was super dumb
- LP 40th Video & Photos
- Wall Street Journal post on Johnson, LP
- Regulate Marijuana Like Wine
- Our Thanks to Outgoing Executive Director Wes Benedict

## WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR STATE?

A complete list of Libertarian events can be found online at [LP.org/event](http://LP.org/event). You can get more information by visiting the Web site of your state affiliate. (See a list at [LP.org/states](http://LP.org/states).) If there is an event you would like to see listed here or on the Web site, please send details to:

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